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SUBJECT: GOALS FOR AMBASSADOR: REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE STATEMENT OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO ROC
WHICH FOLLOWS HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH
AMBASSADOR UNGER IN WASHINGTON:

I. NORMALIZATION.

THE PRINCIPAL TASK IS TO BRING ABOUT THE ADJUSTMENTS IN
OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ROC REQUIRED AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE
GOAL OF NORMALIZATION WITH THE PRC, AND TO HELP IDENTIFY
THE ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED IN A POST-NORMALIZATION PERIOD TO
ASSURE THAT TAIWAN'S SECURITY AND WELL-BEING ARE NOT JEOPAR-
DIZED.

THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUIRED WILL DEPEND ON THE PACE OF
IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND ON PRESIDEN-
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TIAL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE TIMING AND TERMS OF NORMALI-
ZATION. IN GENERAL, THESE ARE:

-- PREPARE THE ROC FOR THE INEVITABLE CHANGES IN OUR
FORMAL RELATIONS THAT WILL ACCOMPANY NORMALIZATION.

-- ENCOURAGE THE ROC'S CONFIDENCE THAT THE U.S. WILL

ACCOMPLISH NORMALIZATION IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE ON TAIWAN OR THE CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S.

II. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE TAIWAN AREA.

-- TO SUSTAIN ROC DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES THROUGH U.S. ARMS TRANSFER IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR NORMALIZATION POLICY, THE STRICTLY DEFENSIVE NATURE OF OUR SECURITY TIES WITH THE ROC, AND OUR GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY.

-- TO ENCOURAGE THE ROC MILITARY (1) TO ACT CAUTIOUSLY IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS IN ORDER TO AVOID A MILITARY INCIDENT WHICH COULD COMPLICATE NORMALIZATION OR POSSIBLY INVOLVE THE U.S., AND (2) TO ACCEPT THAT PRC MILITARY VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT WILL BE MOVING FARTHER OFFSHORE AND INTO THE STRAITS AREA THAN HERETOFORE.

-- CONTINUE, AS DIRECTED, THE PHASED REDUCTION OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN AND OUR CONSENSUAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE ROC.

III. FOSTERING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC TIES.

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-- MAINTAIN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC AND, AS DIRECTED, ASSOCIATED USG PROGRAMS.

-- IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TAIWAN'S VITAL ACCESS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND EXPORT MARKETS, SUSTAIN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CONFIDENCE IN TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC VIABILITY BY REASSURANCES THAT TAIWAN'S KEY ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE UNAFFECTED BY NORMALIZATION.

-- INITIATE ONLY THOSE NEW USG PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES OR AGREEMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVES STATED ABOVE AND WHICH WE WOULD WISH TO CONTINUE IN SOME FORM AFTER NORMALIZATION.

IV. CONSTRUCTIVE NUCLEAR COOPERATION.

-- PREVENT THE ROC FROM ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY.

-- WITHIN THE LIMITS SET BY OUR NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, CONTINUE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY U.S. PARTICIPATION IN TAIWAN'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.

V. PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- ENSURE THAT THE ROC UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, BOTH TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GENERALLY, AND ENCOURAGE THE EVOLUTION
OF A MORE OPEN SOCIETY IN TAIWAN. VANCE

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